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SOMEWHERE IN THE SUN TOUR AT THE OAKLAND ARENA KENNY CHESNEY, GRETCHEN WILSON & PAT GREEN

OAKLAND, Calif. – February 25, 2005 – “Somewhere In The Sun Tour”, starring Kenny Chesney, Gretchen Wilson, and Pat Green, comes to the Oakland Arena on Thursday, June 16th and will be the only Bay Area stop. Tickets go on sale Sunday, March 6th at 10 a.m.

Kenny Chesney, one of country music’s heartthrobs, won two 2004 CMA awards for the album *When The Sun Goes Down* and “Entertainer Of The Year”. *When The Sun Goes Down* (2004), *No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems* (2002), and *Be As You Are: Songs From an Old Blue Chair* (2005), featuring the song “Somewhere In The Sun” and therefore the title of his tour, all exemplify Chesney’s passion for the tropical islands, bringing a taste of Jimmy Buffet back into country music.

With 10 albums under his belt, six of which have gone platinum (most many times over), Chesney has stolen the hearts of country music fans everywhere. The only entertainer to sell more tickets on the road last year was Prince, and the only people who sold more records last year than Chesney were Usher and Norah Jones. Chesney’s latest album, *Songs From An Old Blue Chair*, has been out only 3 weeks and is already the third best selling album of the year behind The Game’s *Documentary* and Green Day’s *American Idiot*.

Gretchen Wilson gained nationwide exposure by her performance during the 2004 Rose Bowl Half Time Show, putting her name on the mainstream map. Wilson only recently joined the country charts with her 2004 debut single and CMA Horizon Award winning song, “I’m A Redneck Woman”, which reached the #1 slot faster than any other single in charts’ history.

Wilson’s debut record, “Here For The Party” entered the country charts at #1 and the pop charts at #2, and sold more records her opening weekend than any other new country artist ever. For 34 weeks after the record’s release, it was still ranked #3 on the country charts and has sold almost 3 million records to date. Wilson is showing country fans everywhere she’s “Here for the party, and [she’s] not leaving until they throw [her] out.” Nominated for four 2005 Grammy Awards for “Best New Artist”, “Best Female Country Vocal Performance”, “Best Country Song” and “Best Country Album”, Wilson took home “Best Female Country Vocal Performance”.

Pat Green, who’s garnered three Grammy Nominations and had a Top 5 Billboard Country Single with “Wave on Wave”, will join Chesney and Wilson. His latest release, “Lucky Ones”, is his second project with producer Don Gehman, a well-known producer for artists like John Mellencamp, Bruce Hornsby and Tracy Chapman. Green has recorded duets with country favorite’s Willie Nelson and Brad Paisley. Green is currently on Country Music Television’s (CMT) top 10 with his song, “Don’t Break My Heart Again.”

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For ticket purchase, please call (510) 762-2277, or visit www.tickets.com. For additional information about this show, please call Jennifer Cooke at (510) 383-4930.

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